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Upcoming Events

- 10/05/12 Bitter's birthday. Thinking of drawing him something? He likes tea and corn, folks!
- 10/15/12 Knitting classes to be held in Solla Sollew. Please contact Shelly Siverton.
- 10/26/12 Start of next panty raid. 5:00 PM EST.
- 10/27/12 Second day of panty raid. 5:00 PM EST.

Pumpkins and Panties!

Hello, Once-ler and Lorax fans! It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you our tenth issue of *The Unless Press*! We have a lot of news to report this week, as well as a couple of interviews. As all of you are well aware, Halloween is on the rise, and so, getting into the spirit of things, we will have a few articles and whatnot in this issue and the next that will border on the (not too) spooky side of things.

Today, we will cover a variety of topics, including two Q & A sessions with some ask blogs, information on this year's third Once-ler fandom panty raid, an update on the happenings in the zombie AU, and more. Also, make sure to check out all of the Halloween-themed artwork found throughout this paper! •

Did You Know?

In *The Lorax*, the calendar on Ted's bedroom door says that it is the month of October.





Interview - Survivorax

Life is hard for the Once-ler survivors of the zombie apocalypse, but what's it like from the Lorax's point of view? Join us as we find out.

Q. Do you believe that a cure will be found and that life will go back to the way it was, or is it difficult for you to see any hope in the situation?

A. I don't think life'll go back th' way it was. That much is for certain- nature's always changin', but give it enough room an' it'll grow t' accommodate. There ain't cures in nature- it's all about th' adaptation. I'm not sure if

th' idiots are gonna end up adaptin' or if they'll find that cure of theirs, bu' I got faith in 'em. There's always hope, don' you ever think otherwise, whether it's zombies or life in general.

Q. Entre and his camp are working hard to survive. Do you think they're not working hard enough in certain areas?

A. I think they need t' stop

thinkin' so human an' stop carin' so much about th' weirdest of things. Death ain't easy t' accept, and believe me, I get that, but when they make it such a predominate fear of theirs, it's holdin' 'em back. We don't got time t' fear things that are inevitable, an' things we can't plan for. I guess I'm a little biased, bein' immortal an' all, but it ain't somethin'

- Art (at right) by ask-the-dunce-ler. ~

animals think about much, either. I just don' get why it's such a big thing they gotta spend so much time worryin' over.

Q. Can/Do you use your powers to help in any way?

A. Between you an' me, an'

definitely don't tell th' stringbean patch or anythin', but my powers are severely lackin' since this whole thing got started. I get my powers from th' trees an' from the hope of th' people. I ain't got much of either one left. Th' most I can do right now is t'



keep food from spoilin' for a little bit, an' talk away some of th' sicker animals from th' camp. •

Ready to Raid?

News continues to flourish in the fandom, with everything from newly established relationships to an ask blog resorting to "cannibalism" surfacing on the boards. Get updated on all of the giddy and gruesome news to be found in our vast community.

Up in Flames

Activity has blossomed once again in the zombie AU, and some of it has been more on edge than others. Recently, Swag deposited a bottle of vodka in their camp's fire. The result was explosive... literally. The groping hands of the fire eventually reached the fireworks, ending in a show that none of the camp members are sure to forget anytime soon. However, they seem to have moved soon after that, for it wasn't long after before the band finally located a hospital. Now the fandom waits on tenterhooks to see what awaits our brave survivors inside the wards. Even scarier is the fact that the youngest member of the troop is playing a part in searching the hospital. Ted Wiggins may have taken on

many an adult activity and job, from smoking a cigarette to even killing an infected Creeper, but will this next task prove to be too much for him? We can only wait and see.

Panty Raid - Update

Two new dates have been set for the next panty raid: October 26 and October 27. Both raids start at 5:00 PM EST. For more information, see the main blog: raidingheadquarters.tumblr.com

Care for a Bite?

Poor Bitter Once-ler can't seem to catch a break these days, or most any day for that matter. Not too long ago he took a bad tumble down the stairs, and although he still remembers his family and who he is, lost are his memories of what happened to the valley and his factory. It

goes without saying that Ted Wiggins is a Godsend, for without him Bitter might not have ceased from eating himself out of desperation....



Stop, chop, & rock n' roll.

Extra, Extra!

Additional news: Keep-ler and Genie-ler are seeing one another, "Naga" M!As are on the loose, and **Fruitsparkle** and **Deaf-ler** are planning a Halloween dress up party! •



~ Interview - Ask-thelivingonce-ler ~

Our second interview is with a Once-ler ask blog who used to be a ghost at one time!

Q. What was it like being a ghost? Did the drawbacks outweigh the positives, or was it vice versa?

A. Being a ghost was definitely an interesting experience. You sorta feel numb all over, like your

whole body fell asleep. And there's some truth to that, to an extent, heheh. Everything is really cold, and everyday that goes by, darker thoughts go through your mind... Sort of a downside to being one of the suicides. People who died of natural causes or in accidents are different cases entirely. And there were days where my fading just went

out of control. Like, how solid I could make myself and all that. Some days you could barely tell I was dead, others you had to squint to see me. I had some Greyface help with my solidifying, and a pendant from a friend that kept me from fading, but it took a while to learn to control.

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What's over yonder?



Boo!!

Ready for this month's Halloween festivities? More is to come in the next issue, including spooky treats... and a possible interview with one of the creepier ask blogs!

Let's give a big hand to all of the artists behind the artwork featured in this issue, as well, including truffler, ertblug, dizylizy, ask-the-dunce-ler, and simonadventure!

Interview - Ask-thelivingonce-ler (cont.)

But, uh... Yeah. Some parts of it were pretty cool. I mean, c'mon, flying and phasing through walls? Now how cool is that! But I couldn't go too far from where I died; I'd start to fade... Suppose I was sorta rooted to the spot, y'know? Possession wasn't too fun either. That's something I only used in emergencies. Mostly because it's just so awkward literally walking around in someone else's skin, especially when you're taller than practically everyone. So, um... It's sort of a tie? Yeah, it had its downsides, but had I not been one, I probably wouldn't have done most of the stuff I did. Like sneaking into Thneedville and beating up O'Hare, now that was fun.

Q. Over the course of your life, what are some of the most important lessons that you've learned?

A. Oh, boy, here's the big one. Definitely not to go overboard with things. Listen to the people closest to you, they often see the mistakes you make better than anyone else. And the sort of obvious one here, suicide is not a good solution to anything. Doesn't fix things at all.

Q. What is the one thing you're most proud of?

A. Most proud of? Hm... I suppose the fact that the Haunted Valley's starting to grow back. I've got a few saplings in front of the tower, and the sky and river are finally clearing up. I realize it takes a long time for the trees to grow... what is it? 10 years to grow to their regular height, 10 more to bear fruit? I never coulda done it on my own, no siree. I've got my friends to thank for that. Especially a Miss Delilah May Grinch. Had she not helped me, I don't think I ever woulda had any saplings to begin with. Man, she helped me so much... we had to travel through both time and dimensions to get those seeds, y'know. But yeah, I mean, Lazarus was a huge accomplishment and all that, but the Valley's real important to me, ghost or not.

Q. It's known that you're engaged to fandom member Moirin McGillicuddy. Care to share how you two met and what you love about her?

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Interview - Ask-thelivingonce-ler (cont.; pg. 5-2)



Something the matter, Ted?



Come again?

A. Oh, there we go! A topic I could go on about for hours on end. Now, how we met... Boy, that's a tale and a half, lemme tell ya. This all started way back when I'd first died, when I was deep in my depression. Things were very bleak... My ex-wife Norma was living in town with our daughter, and not many people came to the tower, except to harass me. Moirin came around then. A few others came. One being a Miss Jojo. Her and I, considering my wife had left, tried to get together. Moirin, hiding behind a Greyface disguise this entire time, helped me with Jojo. Brought me to life every now and then, to make it easier. But... it didn't end well. Basic gist of it, there was someone else. I wasn't good enough. Then I messed with a capacitor stone and the whole time stream went crazy. For me, Moirin, and Thneedville, 40 years had passed. Only a few seconds for everyone else. After that, people came back. A younger version of my ex-wife, as well. And we tried to get together. Once again, there was someone else. I fell into a depression. I felt lonely. Nothing I did was good enough, I felt. Despite my friends being there, I felt I didn't have anyone.

And Moirin, after helping me all this time, stepped up and told me how she felt. And now, a few months later, we're about to get married. But gosh, I'm getting ahead of myself.

Her good qualities? Man, I don't think I can list them all. Let's see....

She's got that amazing hair. And emerald eyes, like freshly mined jewels. She's real smart, too. Maybe not good with mechanics like me, but regarding literature and World studies? She's like an Einstein. And her smile lights up her whole face. She's always so cheerful, always bouncing around. And gosh, has that woman got a body or what, I mean, bow-wow~~

Heheh, well, you've probably heard enough about that. Don't want any other me's drooling on the carpets.

Many thanks go out to both the **Survivorax** and to ask blog **Ask-thelivingonce-ler** for participating in these interviews!

Tune in next week for even more interviews with our members! •

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